Asian Development Bank's Loan for Importing Loco

630. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
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SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1900 million dollars given by the Asian development Bank for the import of three-phase electric loco in 1987 remains unutilised and the import are being reviewed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that, in the meantime the companies concerned have substantially raised the prices;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in importing the three-phase electric locomotive;

(d) the amount of the commitment charges paid to the ADB for the non-utilisation of the loan so far; and

(e) the final decision, taken by Government with regard to imports of these locomotives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Though the loan agreement was signed in December, 1987, the funds were programmed to be actually withdrawn from November, 1990 to January, 1993. Additional time is likely to be taken in the withdrawal of funds for 3 phase Electric Locos because of the following reasons:—

(i) As these are state-of-the art locomotives, the evaluation and selection takes time.

(ii) The necessity was considered by an Expert Group of Planning Commission when the evaluation of tenders were in advance stage of consideration.

(iii) The validity of offers expired on 31.3.1990.

(iv) ADB has suggested revised bids to be obtained.

(v) The variation in price would be known when revised bids are received and evaluated.

(d) Upto June, 1990, commitment charges, on unwithdrawn amount of loan, amounting to about US $ 1,299,208.4 have been adjusted against loan account.

(e) The issue is in close coordination with ADB with a view to finalising the procurement of locomotives early.

Non indication of prices by Amul

631. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on Butter packs sold by Amul there is no price marked as required under the law;

(b) whether there are any other firms also selling milk and milk products which are not marking the sale price and if so, the names of such products and manufacturers and their distributors indicating corrective action taken / proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) whether the Central and State authorities would be advised to take suitable action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) to (c) Under the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 no declaration as to the sale price is required to be